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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had sanctioned any watersheds under DPAP in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years and till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of watershed programmes for which the funds have been provided by the Union Government during the said period;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to sanction watersheds under DPAP in the State during the next year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) The number of watershed projects sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh under DPAP during the last three years and till date in the current financial year (2000-01) is as below:-

Year	No. of Projects Sanctioned.
1997-98	321
1998-99	700

In addition, 896 watershed projects were also sanctioned in March 1999 but funds could not be released for want of adequate provision. Out of these, first instalment of funds have already been released to 764 projects as under :

1999-2000	587
2000-2001	177

(c) In addition to DPAP, Andhra Pradesh has also been receiving funds for watershed development under Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) of thi Ministry. Details of Central funds released to the State under these programmes during the last three years and the current financial year are as under :

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Central releases under			
	DPAP	DDP	IWDP	EAS+

1997-98	22.93	4.22	10.75	-
1998-99	22.91	4.83	9.81	-
1999-2000	26.71	4.37	9.49	52.37
2000-01 (todate)	39.86	5.25	16.86	56.87

+ Under EAS, committed liabilities of projects sanctioned prior to 1999-2000 are being met by the Dept. of Land Resources from 1999-2000 onwards.

(d) & (e) A target for sanction of 1200 new watershed projects (each covering 500 hectares) under DPAP in the programme States of the country is proposed for 2001-02. This target will be apportioned to the programme States based on their relative performance, areas already covered under the programme, total area available for treatment under the programme etc.